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DES SCHEDULES PUBLIC FORUM ON CONSUMER OPTIONS FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS

(Phoenix - October 22, 2004) -The Department of Economic Security (DES) Aging and Adult Administration has scheduled a public forum to assess Arizona's position in providing consumer-directed options. DES seeks community input on the quality, availability, and accessibility of non-medical home and community based services to frail, elderly and physically disabled Arizonans. The community input will be used to explore alternative methods of service delivery, including consumer-directed care and public-private partnerships. Comments and suggestions received will be incorporated into the consumer direction reform agenda.

The public forum is scheduled for November 16, 2004 beginning at 9:30 am at:

Flinn Foundation

1802 North Central Avenue

Phoenix, Arizona

Persons with disabilities may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter by contacting Anna Mendoza at 602-542-6572. For TDD/TTY please use the Arizona Relay Service. Requests should be made as soon as possible or at least 3 working days prior to the forum to allow time to arrange the accommodation.